

Appendix A. Public Notice

A.1 Public Notice in the Newspapers

As prescribed in Part I(B) of the TS4 GP, MaineDOT published public notice (see the notice in *italic* below) of MaineDOT's plans to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the TS4 GP with DEP in the legal advertisement section of the Portland Press Herald and Bangor Daily News on September 16, 2021, and Lewiston Sun Journal on September 18, 2021, and also made the notice available on MaineDOT's official internet website: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/>

MaineDOT Stormwater Engineer sent an electronic copy of the public notice to an e-mail group of more than 90 recipients on 9/28/21. The recipients were in the DEP distribution list for the 2022 State and Federally Owned MS4 General Permit.

MaineDOT Public Notice for the NOI for Coverage under the 2022 Transportation MS4 General Permit:

"The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) will file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the Maine General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Maine Department of Transportation and Maine Turnpike Authority Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems issued 8/18/2021 (MER043000 W008162-5Y-B-R) and an associated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The NOI and SWMP will be filed on or before October 1, 2021. A copy may also be seen at the MaineDOT Headquarters and on the MaineDOT Environmental Office webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/>.

The DEP will review the submittal and assess if it is complete for processing within 15 calendar days of submittal. Once it has been deemed complete for processing, it will be made available on the Maine DEP website for 30-day public comment: <https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/index.html>. A request for public hearing or request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the DEP, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found acceptable for processing. Requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted. Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing is discretionary and may be held if the Commissioner or the Board finds significant public interest or there is conflicting technical information.

The NOI and SWMP are also available for viewing at the DEP Office in Augusta by scheduled appointment during normal business hours during the pandemic. Written public comments or requests for information may be made to the Division of Water Quality Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State House Station #17, Augusta, ME 04333- 0017; telephone (207) 592-6233 and must reference MaineDOT MER043000."

A.2 Letter of Notice to the Regulated Small MS4 Permittees

MaineDOT Stormwater Engineer sent an electronic letter of notice to the regulated small MS4 permittees on 9/14/21 using the e-mail addresses of the permittees' primary contacts in MaineDOT database. The Stormwater Engineer also attended September meetings of ISWG and SMSWG and made announcements on the MaineDOT NOI to obtain coverage under the 2022 TS4 GP.

The e-mail messages included a PDF attachment of the following letter of notice:



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Bruce A. Van Note
COMMISSIONER

MEMORANDUM

To: Nested MS4 Municipalities
From: Kerem Gungor, Stormwater Engineer
Date: September 14, 2021
Re: Notification of Intent to File for Stormwater Discharge Authorization Under Transportation MS4 Permit

The Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) maintains a stormwater system that is regulated under the *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Maine Department of Transportation and Maine Turnpike Authority Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems* (Transportation MS4 Permit). Your municipality is a regulated small MS4 which intersects with MaineDOT's MS4 system (nested MS4 system), and MaineDOT's MS4 system may include interconnections with your municipality's MS4 system or stormwater outfalls discharging to shared water resources. As required by the Transportation MS4 Permit, by way of this letter MaineDOT is providing notice of its intent to file for authorization to discharge stormwater under the new (2022) Transportation MS4 Permit on or before October 1, 2021. A copy of MaineDOT's Notice of Intent and Stormwater Management Plan will be made available at this link on or before October 1, 2021: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/env/>.

MaineDOT will publish its MS4 map online on or before October 1, 2021. The MS4 map will be regularly updated. Your municipality will receive a separate notification regarding the launch date of the online map and its access instructions.

MaineDOT also maintains an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination policy and procedure that includes notification to nested MS4s of illicit discharges from MaineDOT's property or MS4 system into municipal MS4 systems or shared water resources. If an illicit discharge is discovered by MaineDOT staff during an inspection or routine maintenance, we will contact the nested MS4's Stormwater Coordinator or other MS4 contact and work with the nested MS4 to eliminate the source of the illicit discharge and coordinate cleanup, as needed. In the case of a spill emergency outside of normal business hours, we will contact the nested MS4's Stormwater Coordinator or other MS4 contact the following business day.

We ask that if an illicit discharge into MaineDOT's MS4 system or shared water resources is discovered by your municipality during normal business hours, that you please contact MaineDOT's Stormwater Engineer Kerem Gungor at 207-592-3489 or Kerem.Gungor@maine.gov. In the event of a spill emergency that has the potential to affect MaineDOT's MS4 or shared water resources contact the MaineDOT Radio Room in Augusta at 624-3339. Please forward this request to any municipal first responders or other staff who may coordinate spill response efforts with MaineDOT. Please contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your cooperation.